

ELECTRIC UTILITIES TASK GROUP

Thursday, November 5, 2009

New Shoreham Town Hall

12:30 p.m.

Present: Barbara MacMullan, Michael Ballard, William Penn and Everett Shorey. Also present were Paul Rich Deepwater Representative, Bryan Wilson Deepwater Liaison, First Warden Kim Gaffett, Council Member Dr. Peter Baute, Town Manager Nancy Dodge.

Meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.

Approval of minutes: October 16, 2009

After a change in the minutes to reflect that the boats had not run on that date, a motion was made by Bill Penn and seconded by Barbara MacMullan to approve them.

Ayes 4

Nays 0

Public Input

None

Update of Deepwater Wind

This item was postponed until Paul Rich's arrival.

Update of Report of January 9, 2008 (See attached)

It was decided to update this report for the next meeting.

Everett Shorey will include Deepwater's numbers

Bill Penn will write the summary

Barbara MacMullan will write policy suggestions for what happens if the cable goes thru.

Deepwater Wind

Mr. Rich reported that Deepwater and National Grid were negotiating again and should have a filing agreement around Nov. 13, 2009. Mr. Rich promised to follow up on the PUC decision process and report back to the Group. He introduced Bryan Wilson as the liaison for the group with Deepwater.

Discussion of Comprehensive Energy Plan

Barbara MacMullan read the additional charge (see attached). All agreed that the electric component to the plan should be the task group's only focus.

SFP of the Comprehensive plan reads:

SF 9. With the help of expert consultants as needed, undertake studies and adopt an updated Island energy plan as a future element of the *Comprehensive Plan*. Those studies should include analysis of all reasonable and available energy supply and conservation

options. The resulting element should include appropriate future roles for energy conservation as a means of avoiding needless cost and demand on resources, the use of alternative energy sources including WECS, solar power, fuel cells, and others as well as possible extension of an electric cable to the mainland. In recognition of the public benefit to result, the fees to conduct such studies should be requested at Financial Town Meetings.

There will be a joint meeting between the Planning Board and the Electric Utility Task Group.

Discussion of Proposed Zoning Changes to accommodate a Wind Turbine

Mention was made of the Public Hearing on November 18, 2009

A motion was made by Bill Penn and seconded by Barbara MacMullan to send a memo to the Town Council supporting the proposed zoning changes to accommodate WECS at the Transfer Station.

Ayes 4

Nays 0

Onshore Wind Turbine Feasibility Study

As discussed with the Town Council at its Sunday, October 25, 2009 meeting it was decided that if the Council determines that it needs a feasibility study the RFP will be rewritten to include environmental factors.

Update on BIPCO's Distribution Study

There was no representative from BIPCO at this meeting.

Next meeting: Friday, December 4, 2009 at 2:30 p.m.

At 1:50 p.m. a motion was made by Bill Penn and seconded by Barbara MacMullan to adjourn and voted unanimously.

Minutes submitted: December 4, 2009

Minutes approved: December 4, 2009

Bonny Ryan
Assistant Town Clerk